

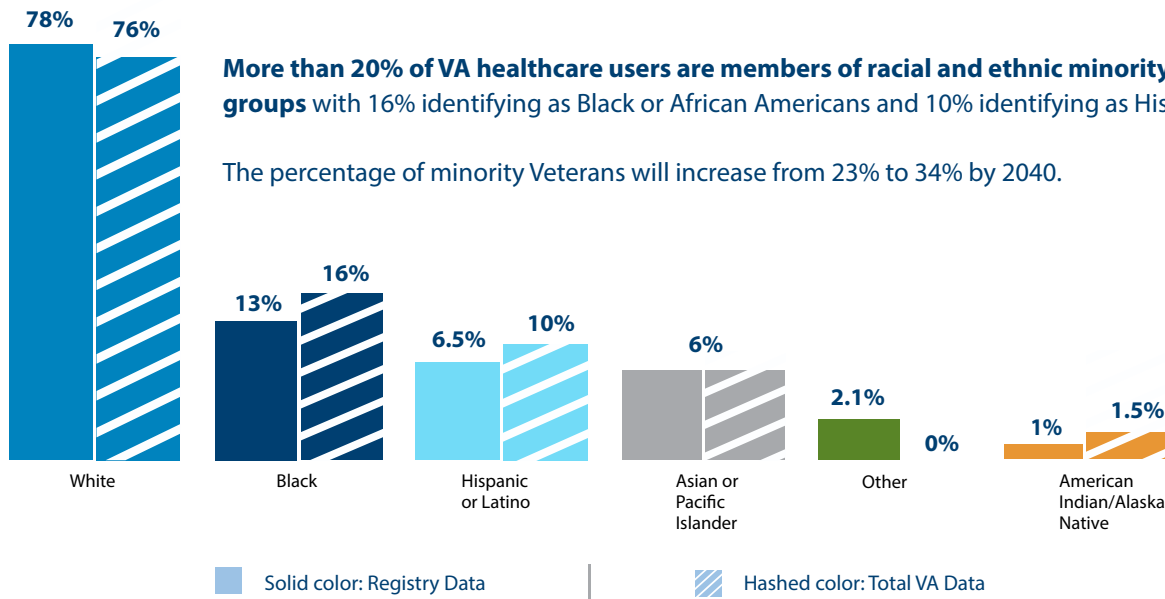
# Racial/Ethnic Minority Veterans – A Focus Within the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR)

“Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”  
– Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Topic Statement:**  
Health equity, including equitable access, is a major priority of VHA Healthcare.

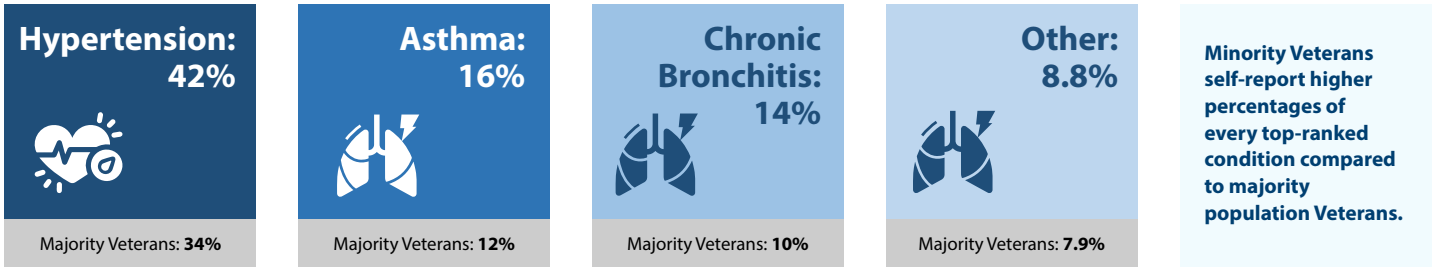
## Demographics of the Registry

> Average Age: 44 years old    > Sex: 83% Male; 17% Female    > Race/Ethnicity:



## Self-Reported Conditions

The most common self-reported health conditions by racial/ethnic minority Veterans among registry participants are hypertension, asthma, chronic bronchitis, and lung disease.



## VHA Healthcare Utilization

	White	Black	Hispanic or Latino	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian/ Alaska Native
Primary Care Visit	88%	92%	87%	91%	90%
Emergency Visit	21%	28%	24%	22%	25%
Pulmonary Visit	39%	44%	41%	43%	40%
Cardiology Visit	24%	27%	24%	24%	26%

VHA specialty care is remarkably similar across minority Veterans compared to White Veterans. This is not unusual for VA care — access disparities among Veterans accessing VA care are not as pronounced as in those seeking care in the private sector.

### Our goal is to:

**Conduct health data monitoring of Registry participants that respects the unique perspectives of our minority Veterans and focuses on early identification of trends to ensure equitable care.**

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